

Table 54.

Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by year of application and program, 1992–2002

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for Social Security only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^{a,b} (percent)
All disabled beneficiaries									
1999	398,161	61,143	15.4	210,334	34,724	16.5	187,827	26,419	14.1
2000	408,455	58,590	14.3	215,372	33,233	15.4	193,083	25,357	13.1
2001	428,465	56,827	13.3	218,180	31,934	14.6	210,285	24,893	11.8
2002	442,376	46,336	10.5	221,795	26,004	11.7	220,581	20,332	9.2
Workers									
1992	419,798	53,881	12.8	190,594	25,352	13.3	229,204	28,529	12.4
1993	469,151	58,275	12.4	206,606	27,306	13.2	262,545	30,969	11.8
1994	489,728	62,757	12.8	226,010	31,468	13.9	263,718	31,289	11.9
1995	458,033	60,584	13.2	218,947	31,563	14.4	239,086	29,021	12.1
1996	464,577	65,466	14.1	226,328	33,596	14.8	238,249	31,870	13.4
1997	403,204	59,978	14.9	206,127	33,373	16.2	197,077	26,605	13.5
1998	384,966	61,742	16.0	199,261	34,043	17.1	185,705	27,699	14.9
1999	385,386	57,808	15.0	203,673	33,192	16.3	181,713	24,616	13.5
2000	396,960	55,762	14.0	209,075	31,946	15.3	187,885	23,816	12.7
2001	417,542	54,564	13.1	212,257	30,832	14.5	205,285	23,732	11.6
2002	432,347	44,920	10.4	216,420	25,305	11.7	215,927	19,615	9.1
Widow(er)s									
1999	7,108	1,983	27.9	4,108	917	22.3	3,000	1,066	35.5
2000	6,353	1,574	24.8	3,854	738	19.1	2,499	836	33.5
2001	6,063	1,386	22.9	3,753	706	18.8	2,310	680	29.4
2002	5,354	809	15.1	3,364	430	12.8	1,990	379	19.0
Adult children									
1999	5,667	1,352	23.9	2,553	615	24.1	3,114	737	23.7
2000	5,142	1,254	24.4	2,443	549	22.5	2,699	705	26.1
2001	4,860	877	18.0	2,170	396	18.2	2,690	481	17.9
2002	4,675	607	13.0	2,011	269	13.4	2,664	338	12.7

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are current through June 2003.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the allowance rate will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or be subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

Data for 1992–1998 are available for disabled workers only.

SSI = Supplemental Security Income.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

b. Rate for the Social Security portion only.

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